

deined and lawfully in our churches by the authority and commaundemente of the whole Realme.

Euery Byshop before the fyrst day of September next, shall call vnto him the publique preachers, such as shall be in his owne Diocese, and shall require againe of them, their licences of preaching, which they haue signed with any autenticall seale, which they shall retaine with themselves, or els abolish. After prudent choise made of them, he shall geue readylie agayne new licences to them whom he shall finde able to that great office, in respect of theyr yeares, doctrine, iudgement, honestie of lyfe, modestie, and grauitie: and yet so that they first subscribe to the articles of Christian religion, publicly approued in the Synode, and that they make promise willingly to mayntayne, & defend that doctrine, which is contayned in them, as most agreeable to the veritie of Gods worde.

The Bishop must very diligently consider what manner of men he do admit into hys housholde: for it chaunceth sometymes where thys foresight is not vsed, that wicked men, & enemies to the true religion, vicious men, and corrupte in all theyr life, yea, and men boyde of grace, be admitted. Whereby the aduersary wyll soone take occasion to speake euill.

The Byshops seruantes shal so modestly & orderly apparel theselues, in euery part of their garments, that they do not offend their brethre whom Dauid calleth of the housholde of fayth.

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The Byshop shall lay his handes on none henceforward, but such as haue bene trayned vp in good letters, eyther in the vniuersitie, or some other inferior schole, or that doth vnderstande the Latine tongue competently, and hath bene well exercised in the holy scriptures: nor yet on any, except he be of that lawfull age which is appoynted by the statute and lawe: nor except hys lyfe & honest behauiour, be commended by the testimony of graue and godly men, and such as are well knowne vnto the byshop: nor on any that hath bene brought vp in husbandrie, or some other base and handicraft labour: nor on any, but such as haue some title (as they call it) whereby he may liue, if by Gods sufferance, he become blinde, or fall into greuous sicknesse of the body, or into a continuall & languishing disease: nor except he will exercise the holy ministry wythin hys owne Diocese: nor at any other time, but when it shal chaunce, that some place of ministracion is boyde in the same Diocese. And he shall admitte no straunger, nor any that he knoweth not, eyther to the profites of any benefice, or to ecclesiasticall ministerie, except he bring wyth him that Byshops letters of commendacions, which they call letters dimissories, out of whose Diocese he came.

The byshop shal not graunt vnto any man the next, or second, or thirde aduouson (as they call it) of any prebend or benefice belonging vnto him: for those aduousons are far from good

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